District Attorney May Sue for Salary

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PHILADELPHIA March 15—District Attorney Arlen Specter, who doubles as GOP candidate for mayor, may have to sue the city to collect his pay.

His pay as district attorney has been cut off by the city's top legal officer, Edward G. Bauer, on grounds that the city's home-rule charter requires officeholders to resign if they wish to seek a higher office.

Specter contends he is a county official, not a city official, and therefore need not resign, and his position is backed by the state attorney general and by a 6-1 ruling by the state supreme court.